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Dear Mr Farrant,

I am writing on behalf of my client, the owner of 7 Pilgrims Lane, which is next door to the above-referenced application.

Further to a conversation with the previous owners of No 9 Pilgrims Lane, Mr and Mrs Wine, it transpires that the Lower Ground rear window which would be removed under the proposed plans is a Yorkshire sash, a horizontally opening window, one of the earliest examples of sash windows. Such windows are exceptionally rare in London and a significant survival which contributes to the architectural hierarchy of the building. Horizontal sashes were normally found in country cottages or sculleries, reinforcing the fact that No 9 (a.k.a. Cossey Cottage) was a service wing to the larger Sydney House. In addition to the demonstrable harm conferred by the scheme as a whole, removing the horizontally sliding sash would clearly have an adverse impact on the special interest and significance of the listed building, while providing no public benefit.

In addition to the points raised in my heritage report of April 2019, this is an important, and overlooked, historic detail, which needs to be considered in the context of the applications. I realise this additional information falls outside of the consultation period, but I see other non-immediate, unaffected residents have continued to comment, so I hope this important conservation point can be added to the objections, and its significance weighed by staff prior to making decision.

If you require anything further, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Philip Davies

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